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Docket No. : **1856-43200 (9730.0-02)**

Customer No.: **31889**

For: **Optimized Particle Distribution For Slurry Bubble Column Reactors**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notice dated August 5, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003, Applicant has not enclosed copies of the cited U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent application publications with this Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), Applicant submitted copies of foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature.

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The references cited in the Search Report dated April 12, 2005 (enclosed herein) of PCT International Application PCT/US05/005863, which is a foreign counterpart application of the above U.S. Application were previously provided in the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449 filed on May 4, 2004.

The submission of this supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the references submitted therewith is not an admission that the art cited is "prior" with respect to the present invention, nor is it a representation, that no better art exists. Applicant hereby reserves the right to swear behind or otherwise disprove any alleged "prior" nature of any art cited should the facts support and the situation warrant such an action.

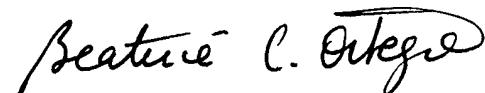
It is submitted that the art cited does not constitute a bar to the patentability of Applicant's invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

Since an Office Action on the merits has been issued prior to the mailing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 16-1575 of ConocoPhillips Company, Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$180 as required by §1.17(p), so that this Information Disclosure Statement may be considered under §1.97(c).

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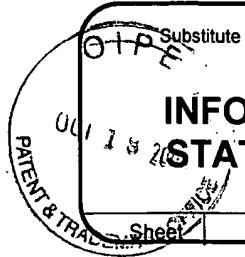


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